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1. An English language Abstract of Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-47465 is attached. Further, JP 6-47465 is discussed beginning on page 1 of the specification and is cited in the International Search Report (copy attached).

2. An English language Abstract of Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2002-307116 is attached. Further, JP 2002-307116 is discussed beginning on page 3 of the specification and is cited in the International Search Report (copy attached).

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